

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated June 29, 2005, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 15-67 are rejected by the Examiner. Claims 33 and 49 have been amended and claims 15-32, 37-48 and 55-67 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 33-36 and 49-54 remain pending in this application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 15-67 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,373,537, claims 1-34 of U.S. Patent No. 6,020,942, and claims 1-52 of U.S. Patent No. 6,002,457. Claim 24 was objected to because of informalities. Claims 15, 16, 18, 20-24, 26, 28, 29, 31, 33-35, 37, 39-44, 46-49, 51-55, and 57-64 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 07-099394 to Masanori ("Masanori"). Claims 17, 19, 25, 27, 30, 32, 36, 38, 45, 50, 56, and 65-67 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Masanori. The rejection of these claims is traversed and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the claim amendments provided herewith.

The rejection of claims 15-32, 37-48, and 55-67 is now moot.

The rejection of claims 33-36 and 49-54 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claims 33-36 are allowable over the cited reference in that each of these claims recites a combination of elements including, for example, "fixing means provided between the plurality of side surfaces and the second structure, fixing the first structure to the second structure in a direction substantially nonperpendicular to the display surface." Claims 49-54 are allowable over the cited reference in that each of these claims recites a combination of elements including, for example, "immovably fixing the display panel between the first and second structures by fixedly coupling the first and second structures at the side surfaces in a direction substantially nonperpendicular to the display surface." Masanori does not teach or suggest at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly claims 33-36 and 49-54 are allowable over Masanori.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.


If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. *A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.*

Respectfully submitted,

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